

CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a Meeting held in Room Ad-128 of the Administration Building, Loyola Campus, at 5:30 p.m. on January 23, 1978

PRESENT: Prof. F. W. Bedford, Chairman

Dr. E. Enos, Mr. M. Flynn, Mr. J. Macaluso, Mr. J. Hopkins, Mr. B. Philip, Mr. F. Denton, Prof. W. Gilsdorf, Prof. L. Van Toch, Ms. N. Marrelli, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. M. Wiemann, Mr. D. Martin, Ms. S. Howlett, Mr. N.-W. Cloutier, Mr. J. McCully, Rev. R. Gaudet, S. J., Rev. R. E. O'Connor, S.J., and Mrs. N. Cooper, Secretary.

ALTERNATE: Mr. J. Goldner for Mr. J. Sproule.

ABSENT: Mr. B. Counihan, Ms. B. Litner, Prof. R. Allison, Prof. B. Slack, Prof. T. Fancott, Mr. J. James, Mrs. S. Kerr, Ms. M. O'Dea, Mr. O. El-Awadi, Mr. K. Boyle, Mr. Y. Dubois, Mr. G. Matteo.

78.1.1

A Quorum being present, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of December 19, 1977

78.1.2

On Motion of Ms. Marrelli, SECONDED by Mr. Macaluso the Minutes of the previous meeting held on December 19, 1977 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Business Arising from the Minutes

78.1.3

a) Guest Speaker - Mr. John Mathewson

The Chairman welcomed the guest speaker, Mr. John Mathewson, President of the newly formed Concordia University Students' Association.

Mr. Mathewson opened his remarks by expressing his gratitude to the members of CCSL for inviting him to address them on the subject of CUSA and clarify any questions members might have.

The purpose of CUSA, he said, could be described in three broad areas; improvement of student representation on University bodies by providing a forum for students to discuss and become familiar with other areas of university life, elimination of duplication on the part of student associations resulting in the saving of administrative costs and improvement of the calibre of student councils. In contrast to these advantages of efficiency, consideration should be given to student needs on a campus level, and decisions made as to how much centralization and decentralization would be required to avoid becoming bureaucratic.

The speaker pointed out that the structure which CUSA has adopted is designed to be developed over a period of time. Essential to this is for CUSA to have its own executive as existing associations are involved in their own programs. People who are not burdened in this way may concentrate on solving problems which exist between some of the associations with one of the major thrusts being communications. Traditions and procedures of the various

associations differ greatly and re-education of these groups will be considerable. In the short term CUSA will attempt to find the optimal structure for university associations vis à vis centralization in areas such as finance, services, etc. The new association is also looking into the trusteeship of the Part Time Students' Association at Sir George Williams Campus because it is felt that if unity is to be attained all associations must participate.

Research into library facilities at Concordia, both present and projected, as well as other universities, is being conducted with the objective of increasing the allocation for libraries and improving services at Concordia. Questionnaires will be distributed to students to find what problems they are facing, stated Mr. Mathewson. An Awareness Week is also planned to inform students of what is presently being done for them.

The meeting was then opened for questions.

When asked what models he might envisage for representation of students Mr. Mathewson cited a quasi federal system or faculty oriented sub-units.

In answer to a question concerning the present representation on CUSA the speaker stated that the LSA, the DSA and the LESA are presently members of CUSA. No time frame has been set for the implementation of CUSA's objectives, the new organization needing to prove itself.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Mathewson on behalf of the members for bringing to Council an enlightened and informative talk about CUSA.

78.1.4 b) Future of Birks Hall

A letter, dated January 4, 1978, from the Rector in reply to a request from Prof. Bedford for information on the future of Birks Hall was presented to the meeting, Document CCSL-78-1-D1. It was MOVED by Dr. Enos, SECONDED by Mr. Martin

"THAT Professor Bedford reply to the Rector informing him that Council believes that the Olympic site can in no way be considered an alternative to the Birks Hall facilities on the Sir George Williams Campus."

MOTION CARRIED.

78.1.5 c) Study Week

Dr. O'Brien's letter of January 4, 1978 to Prof. Bedford on the subject of Study Week, Document CCSL-78-1-D2 was considered by Council and since it is expected that the question will be examined by the Rector's Cabinet, the Chairman undertook to communicate with other areas in the University, faculty councils, student associations and faculty association in order to gain support for the Council's position.

78.1.6 Reports of Area Directors

Dean Flynn reported on a pilot project on crisis intervention conducted by the psychiatric division of the Health Center. He also reported that the Inter-University Committee on Student Affairs has conducted a study on various models and priorities for student services. These documents are available in his office

for anyone interested in studying the matter. Dean Flynn agreed to consider the possibility of making a synopsis of this material for presentation to members of Council.

Mr. Denton reported that the demand for guidance services is continuing strong and the department is responding.

Dr. Enos reported having received \$42,000 from the Minister of Health, Recreation and Sports, Monsieur Claude Charron, to conduct fitness research in the Montreal community. Three senior students will be hired and it is hoped that this will become an annual grant of benefit to the community as well as Concordia University. He further reported that, in the matter of the suspension of a hockey player which had been the subject of discussion at the December meeting, no action had been taken. A recent CIAU rule change prohibited players with professional experience from playing in exhibition games as well as league games. No report was available concerning the Committee Planning for the Olympic Site as its meeting had been postponed to January 24.

Report of the Finance Committee

78.1.7 Mr. Macaluso reported that in October a letter had been sent to Father Graham requesting end of year statement for 1976-77, actual budgets and revenue for 1977-78, projected line budgets and projected revenues for 1978-79. Letters, dated November 11 and December 22, were received from Father Graham which enclosed all but projected line budgets for 1978/79 and these have been requested from the Area Directors. Actual revenue for 1977/78 is not yet available as the revenues are not yet closed. A stand-pat budget with the exception of salaries would seem to be indicated at this time he said.

Mr. Macaluso then distributed a report from the Finance Committee dated January 23, 1978 on the subject of Student Services Fees, Document CCSL-78-1-D4. He emphasised that pages 3 and 4 were working documents supplied by Mr. Reay and page 5 had been supplied by Father Graham. He then stated that if a decision is taken by Council at the February meeting regarding the percentage or status quo system of collection of student services fees, Fincom is confident that it will be able to report observations and recommendations at the March meeting for the 1978/79 budget.

Mr. Macaluso then MOVED, SECONDED by Mr. Denton, THAT THIS REPORT BE TABLED until the next meeting of Council.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman pointed out that any decision regarding policy or budget matters would require a 2/3 majority of Council.

It was PROPOSED and AGREED by concensus that the budget meeting be a special meeting to be held on March 13, 1978.

Prof. Gilsdorf requested that Fincom, in presenting its budget this year, present a more itemized proposal for Athletics and Guidance, as is done for the two Deans of Students offices. Mr. Macaluso pointed out that for this to be done would involve a considerable amount of time from the two directors. Mr. Denton added that in the offices of the Deans of Students there are many discrete programs, e.g. Chaplaincy and Health, while Guidance and Athletics are not as discretely organized and share a common personnel plan. Line budgets were not presented to Council last year he said and it was around this that debate had taken place.

Mr. Macaluso stated that it might not be possible to present line budgets this year as individual salary items are sometimes impossible to conceal. Prof. Gilsdorf expressed the belief that in the next few years some very painful decisions would have to be made which would undoubtedly involve salaries in student services, for example, when a certain amount of money had to be cut, a whole program might be eliminated rather than a 10% cut in many programs. Mr. Macaluso was of the opinion that input from the Priorities Committee is essential to any recommendations that might be made by Fincom with regard to budget cuts or increases. He stated that a meeting of Fincom would be called as soon as line budgets are available.

Ms. Marrelli felt that last year the members of Council had no sense of what was contained in the budget which caused a conflict situation with Fincom. Ms. Marrelli asked that every effort be made to eliminate that dynamic.

Mr. Davies questionned the enrolment total in the Finance Committee's document stating that it was his understanding that enrolment last year was in the neighbourhood of 25,000. Mr. Macaluso pointed out that these figures were only for undergraduate students at the Fall enrolment. The Chairman asked Mr. Macaluso to check these figures with the figures used for the 1977/78 budget.

Report of the Priorities Committee

78.1.8 No meeting of this Committee had been held because of lack of student representation.

Report of Steering Committee

78.1.9 a) Proposed Ad-Hoc Committee on Awards

Recommendations for a Committee on Awards as submitted by Dean Flynn and revised by the Steering Committee were presented to Council. On MOTION of Dean Flynn, SECONDED by Prof. Gilsdorf, the proposal for a Committee on Awards as outlined in Document CCSL-78-1-D3 was ACCEPTED.

78.1.10 b) Speaker for February Meeting

On recommendation of the Steering Committee it was agreed that the Vice Rector, Administration and Finance, Mr. Graham Martin, be invited to speak to Council at its meeting on February 20, 1978.

New Business

78.1.11 New staff representative from Dean of Students Office, Loyola

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. B. Counihan stating that on January 13, Rev. R. Gaudet, S.J. had been elected staff representative from the Dean of Students Office, Loyola Campus, to replace Mr. Counihan who is now Acting Dean of Students, Loyola. Rev. Gaudet will also replace Mr. Counihan on the Finance Committee.

Other Business

78.1.12 Graduation Banquet and Ball Committee

Dean Flynn reported that the meeting of this committee had been cancelled because of inclement weather but was rescheduled for the following week. It was hoped that the student representatives would be present for this important meeting of the Committee.

Absences from Council Meetings

78.1.13 It was noted by Mr. Macaluso that absences from meetings seemed to be mounting and he queried whether the Chairman intended to apply any of the pre-existing rules of other university councils for the replacement of members who miss three consecutive meetings. The Chairman replied that since members have the power to name alternates he believed that this would be unproductive. Prof. Bedford again pointed out that under the Mandate of the Council it is necessary to have a two-thirds majority of the membership present to constitute a quorum when voting on matters of policy and budget and it is up to the student associations to see that they are represented.

78.1.14 Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Council will be held on February 20th at the Sir George Williams Campus and the March meeting will be a Special Meeting to debate budget on March 13, 1978.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.